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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 7 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Liberia (S/2001/1025)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3 p.m. — 37th meeting* (closed) — Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 6) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

Live and archived webcast of the general debate of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will be available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet (http://www.un.org/ga/webcast/56).

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to dpi@un.int for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.30 p.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items [8]

(a) Allocation of agenda item 169 (Administration of justice at the United Nations)

(b) Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/517)

10 a.m.	39th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the members of the International Law Commission [16 (a)]

(a) Notes by the Secretary-General concerning the candidates (A/56/117 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the consolidated list of candidates (A/56/486 and Corr.1)

(c) Curricula vitae (A/56/124 and Add.1)

2001 PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Opening of the pledging conference
2. Election of officers
3. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.196/1, A/CONF.193/2, A/56/70/Add.1-E/2001/58/Add.1, A/56/70/Add.2-E/2001/58/Add.2)
4. Adoption of the report (A/CONF.196/L.1)
5. Closure of the Conference

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [87] (A/56/13 and Add.1, A/56/290, A/56/375, A/56/382, A/56/420, A/56/421, A/56/430, A/55/1021, A/C.4/56/L.8)

   Continuation of rights of reply

2. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [88] (A/56/428 and Add.1, A/56/491, A/56/214, A/56/215, A/56/216, A/56/218, A/56/219)

   General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1

Advancement of women [112]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.24/Rev.1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.29

Human rights questions [119] (A/56/118, A/C.3/56/3)

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (A/56/3 (Suppl., No. 3), A/56/44 (Suppl.), A/56/40 (Suppl., Vol. I and II and Add.1*), A/56/156, A/56/177, A/56/178, A/56/179, A/56/181, A/56/205, A/56/212, A/56/603*)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 3

United Nations common system [127] (A/56/30 and A/56/485)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/56/381, A/56/83, A/56/128 and A/55/436))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) and 133 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1 and A/56/478))

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* Following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] (A/56/10 and Corr.1)

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

International Convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings [174]

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* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 7 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room 6.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held *today*, 7 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The revised text of the draft has been sent to all delegations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 7 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 7 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on INSTRAW)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ISLAMIC GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda sub-items 97 (c) and (d) (Sustainable development and international economic cooperation))

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

FRENCH WORKSHOP ON THE STRUCTURE, DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee) today*, 7 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of experts of the Third Committee, organized by the delegation of Namibia, *today*, 7 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 7 November 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Australia, *today*, 7 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	40th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	41st PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations [25]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/523)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.3)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	33rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. Conference Room 6, and on Friday, 9 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 119 (Human rights questions), beginning on Thursday, 8 November 2001, as follows:

On Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Gerhart R. Baum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan). In addition, the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo will be introduced by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

On Friday, 9 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); and Mr. José Cutileiro (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia); Mrs. Marie-Thérèse Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); and the report of the Representative of the Secretary-General on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons will be introduced by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

On Monday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal briefing

As a follow-up to commitments made during the humanitarian affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council in July 2001, Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, will provide an informal briefing on Friday, 9 November 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8, to the members of the Economic and Social Council and other interested Member States on the humanitarian response to the Afghanistan crisis. Following the briefing, the Director of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs will introduce the Secretary-General's note on "Enhancing the functioning and utilization of the Central Emergency Revolving Fund" (A/55/649), which is being considered under agenda item 20 (a).

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched by the Secretary-General on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council will be present. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-7478).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Anita Ng (tel.: (212) 963-5976; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2).

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A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on agenda item 117 (Racism and racial discrimination))* on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)* on Thursday, 8 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 97 (a) (Women in development))* on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in a Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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Panel discussion

The discussion with human rights Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives and Independent Experts on "Human Rights Challenges and Priorities in the Post-September 11 Era", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights, will be held on Friday, 9 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Jean Ziegler, Special Rapporteur on the right to food; Mr. Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar; Mr. John Dugard, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967; Mr. Gerhart R. Baum, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan; Ms. Kalliopi Koufa, Special Rapporteur on terrorism and human rights; Mr. José Cutileiro, Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; and Mr. Maurice Copithorne, Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Verifying the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT): Capabilities, Progress and Challenges", organized by the delegations of Australia, Canada and Sweden, in cooperation with the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), on Monday, 12 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Welcoming remarks will be made by Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, followed by opening statements by representatives of Australia, Canada and Sweden. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "The Legal Dimension of the Changing Landscape of Development", organized by the World Bank, on Monday, 12 November 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ko-Yung Tung, Vice-President and General Counsel, World Bank, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373); http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373); and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 6 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 24th meeting

The Committee concluded the third phase of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.49/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Lebanon, Belgium, Sudan, Chile and Iraq.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

The Chairman declared the work of the First Committee for the fifty-sixth session closed.

SECOND COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(a) Women in development

(b) Human resources development

(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (a), the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (d), the Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, under sub-item (c), the Director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Liaison Office in New York and the Principal Advisor and Group Leader of the Social Development Group, Bureau for Development Policy of the United Nations Development Programme, under sub-item (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), the Republic of Korea, Japan, Venezuela, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Israel and Mexico and by the observer for the Holy See.

The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

25th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 97 and heard statements by the representatives of Bahrain and Indonesia.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the International Labour Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 97 was Friday, 9 November, at 6 p.m.

Sectoral policy questions: business and development [96 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.18

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution.

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.15

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and Mexico.

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.17

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.16

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced and orally revised the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Organization of work

The Committee decided to cancel its formal meeting scheduled for Thursday, 8 November, in the afternoon, and to hold informal consultations instead.

THIRD COMMITTEE 31st meeting

Human rights questions [119]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an address by the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the High Commissioner in which the representatives of the Russian Federation, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Croatia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Egypt, Cuba, Morocco, Suriname, the Sudan, Mexico, India and Rwanda took part.

Implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina and China.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the Committee would take action on the following draft proposals on Thursday, 8 November, at 3 p.m.: under agenda item 109: A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1; under agenda item 115: A/C.3/56/L.29; and under agenda item 116: A/C.3/56/L.30.

The Committee was reminded that, in accordance with the agreement reached at its 3rd meeting, on 8 October, meetings would be held during the week of 12 November, during the general debate of the General Assembly, on the understanding that no action would be taken during that week.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [130]

The Committee continued its general discussion of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Qatar, Iraq, the United Republic of Tanzania, Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States and Cuba.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on, Wednesday, 7 November 2001, in the morning, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana).

United Nations common system [127]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission introduced the report of that Commission (A/56/30).

A representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2001 (A/56/485).

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Norway and Turkey) made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, France, Poland and Israel.

The Chairman spoke.

21st meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of Hungary, Greece and Israel.

The Special Rapporteur, Professor Alain Pellet, made a statement.

The Chairman spoke.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 18th meeting of the Sixth Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/214, p. 14): the third paragraph under agenda item 162 should read as follows:

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. P.S. Rao, made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Tajikistan (6 November 2001)

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001. Geneva, 2 March 2001

Signature: Côte d'Ivoire (6 November 2001)

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Financing for Development: Preparations for the International Conference in Monterrey, Mexico". The briefing will be held on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at Labouisse Hall, UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza). The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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